

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A software routine stored on a computer readable media comprising:  
a program interface to an application program configured to accept first and second monetary units and a monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit from said application program;  
a communications interface configured to retrieve conversion information from said first monetary unit to said second monetary unit;  
a calculation module configured to convert said monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit to a corresponding monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit based on said conversion information; and  
wherein said program interface is further configured to provide said monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit to said application program.
2. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 further comprising storage for storing said software routine within a dynamic link library.
3. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 wherein said communications interface is configured to communicate with a remote server.
4. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 wherein said communications interface comprises a web browser.
5. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 wherein said communications interface implements hypertext transfer protocol for communicating with a remote web server.
6. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 wherein said first monetary unit is United States dollars and said second monetary unit is a foreign currency.

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7. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 wherein said conversion information includes an exchange rate from said first monetary unit to said second monetary unit and said calculation module is configured to multiply said monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit by said exchange rate to provide said monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit.

8. The software routine stored on a computer readable media of claim 1 further comprising a web client configured to obtain said conversion information from a remote server.

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9. A method of converting between a first and a second monetary unit comprising the steps of:

accepting first and second monetary units and a monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit from an application program;

retrieving conversion information from said first monetary unit to said second monetary unit through a communications interface;

converting said monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit to a corresponding monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit based on said conversion information; and

providing said monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit to said application program.

10. The method of converting of claim 9 wherein said steps of accepting, retrieving, converting and providing are in a dynamic link library.

11. The method of converting of claim 9 further comprising a step of communicating with a remote server.

12. The method of converting of claim 9 further comprising a step of executing a web browser.

13. The method of converting of claim 9 wherein said step of retrieving includes communicating with a remote web server using hypertext transfer protocol.

14. The method of converting of claim 9 wherein said first monetary unit is United States dollars and said second monetary unit is a foreign currency.

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15. The method of converting wherein said conversion information includes an exchange rate from said first monetary unit to said second monetary unit and said calculation module is configured to multiply said monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit by said exchange rate to provide said monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit.

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16. A system for converting between monetary units comprising:
- a program interface to an application program configured to accept first and second monetary units and a monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit;
  - a communications interface configured to retrieve conversion information from said first monetary unit to said second monetary unit;
  - a calculation module configured to convert said monetary amount associated with said first monetary unit to a corresponding monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit based on said conversion information; and
- wherein said program interface is further configured to provide said monetary amount associated with said second monetary unit to said application program.
17. The system for converting of claim 16 wherein said software routine is stored within a dynamic link library.
18. The system for converting of claim 16 wherein said communications interface is configured to communicate with a remote server.
19. The system for converting of claim 16 wherein said communications interface comprises a web browser.
20. The system for converting of claim 16 wherein said communications interface implements hypertext transfer protocol for communicating with a remote web server.